



**County
of Huron**

Committee of the Whole



Minutes - September 18, 2007

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The COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE met at the Legion in Seaforth at 9:00 a.m. with all members present except Councillor B. MacLellan and Councillor J. Fergusson.

1. Minutes

Moved by J. Seili

Seconded by D. Kelly

That the minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting of August 14, 2007 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

Councillor's Issues

Warden D. J. (Deb) Shewfelt announced that Shirley Storey passed away suddenly as the result of an accident in London on Saturday, September 15, 2007 and requested a moment of silence. Shirley was a Registered Practical Nurse at Huronview with 33 years service with the County.

2. Bluewater Shoreline Resident's Association

At the July 4, 2007 Session of County Council correspondence and a Water Quality Report dated June 20, 2007 from the Bluewater Shoreline Resident's Association (BSRA) was referred to the Health Unit and the Planning and Development Department for a report. Pamela Scharfe, Public Health Manager, and Susanna Reid, Planner, prepared the attached report dated September 7, 2007 and presented the recommendations along with a PowerPoint presentation.

It is recommended that:

- a) That the Health Unit ensures "health warning" signs are posted at public beaches that may pose a risk to the public as mandated by the provincial *Beach Management Protocol, 1998*;
- b) That the County of Huron Emergency Management Committee continue to meet and develop hazard and risk-based emergency management programs tailored to the needs of the community as required by Emergency Management Ontario;
- c) That the County of Huron support a Qualitative Microbiological Risk Assessment process at the provincial level;
- d) That the County of Huron, continue to support the Water Protection Steering Committee;
- e) That the County of Huron continue to fund the Clean Water Project; and
- f) That the County of Huron, receive a detailed report from the Health Unit on the three year voluntary Septic Reinspection Program in order to make an informed decision regarding a mandatory septic reinspection program for the County.

Moved by N. Vincent

Seconded by J. Seili

That the recommendations be approved and that the Bluewater Shoreline Resident's Association (BSRA) be notified.

CARRIED

3. 2007 By-Law to Establish Decrease Limits for Certain Property Classes

The Ontario Property Tax Analysis completed the calculations with respect to tax capping. To establish a date after which notices to recalculate 2007 tax liabilities under section 311 of the Municipal Act may be issued and to determine the percentage for 2007 under Section 330 of the Municipal Act.

Nancy Rennick, Deputy Treasurer, presented the attached report (Appendix A) and draft by-law. It is recommended that a by-law be passed for the 2007 year to establish decrease limits for certain property classes as follows:

a)	multi residential property class	47.7050%
b)	commercial property class	50.7007%
c)	industrial property class	68.5373%

and that Council reaffirm the past policy of funding the mandatory relief to the multi-residential, commercial and industrial classes via the clawback mechanism within each class.

Moved by J. Bezaire
Seconded by K. Oke
That the recommendations be approved.

CARRIED

4. Trusted Fiber Optic Cable Network

Kim Reid, Information Technology Manager, presented the attached report dated August 14, 2007 for the information of committee and Council.

It is recommended that the County enter into an agreement with Bluewater TV Cable to build, install, light and maintain fiber optic cable and connectivity to County of Huron sites, in order to provide the necessary infrastructure to develop a trusted Virtual Private Network (VPN) over fiber optic cable. Sites proposed as Year Two – 2008 and remaining sites will be dependant upon future funding and available infrastructure.

There was question if the Request for Proposal (RFP) was conducted fairly. The committee was informed that Bluewater TV Cable, the County's current primary Internet service provider, was contacted in order to define the project and specifications when composing the RFP which is normal business practice. The RFP was not advertised on the website, rather owing to the nature and expertise of the requirements vendors where invited to bid on the proposal. The tendering process was conducted within all the defined procedures of the County's Procurement Policy, FN 150.

Moved by B. Siemon
Seconded by B. Van Diepenbeek
That the recommendation be approved.

CARRIED

5. Book Project - County History, author Jim Donnelly

Beth Ross, Director of Cultural Services, submitted the attached report entitled, "Donnelly Book Publication". The CAO, Larry C. Adams, presented the report.

Warden D. Shewfelt and the CAO met with Jim Donnelly and his daughter Teresa to discuss arrangements for a book project that was supported at a Session of County Council on May 2, 2006 with the following motion: "Moved by Councillor D. Shewfelt, Seconded by Councillor D. Urlin, That the County of Huron support the historical book authored by Jim Donnelly in publishing, printing and incur all costs including a book launch and marketing expenses. Carried." It was decided to print the "History/Law" book first with "Huron's Lost Villages" and "Agricultural" books to follow.

It is recommended that the quotation from Precision Print be accepted to print 1000 copies of the three volumes as follows:

- v. 1 \$22.95 per copy
- v. 2 \$18.60 per copy
- v. 3 \$21.50 per copy

Moved by N. Vincent
Seconded by B. Dowson
That the recommendation be approved.

CARRIED

6. Correspondence Attached – For Information

a) AMO – Member Communication – Alert

- MTO Amends Hours of Service Regulation
- AMO Issues New Municipal Energy Conservation Template for Municipalities
- AMO Releases Beyond Bricks and Mortar: Important Considerations in the Future of Social Housing in Ontario
- Call for Membership on Resource Team to Support Development of Standards under the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005.
- Province Amends Regulations to Implement \$935 million Ontario Drug Benefit and ODSP Upload
- New Program Available to Help Small Water Systems in Ontario
- Public Health Grant Allocations and Long Term Care Staffing & Care Standards Review Announced
- Municipal Information & Data Analysis System (MIDAS), Information Sessions
- Town Hall Sessions 2007, Learn how Local Authority Services Ltd., Learn how LAS Energy Services can save your municipality both time and money.
- AMO Releases Advocacy Paper, "Poverty and the Property Tax Burden in Ontario"

- b) Drinking Water Source Protection, Act for Clean Water, Ausable Bayfield Maitland Valley Source Protection Region:
 - Cathie Brown, Project Manager, received August 7, 2007 regarding the Drinking Water Stewardship Program.

Moved by B. Dowson

Seconded by J. Bezaire

That a letter of support for the Drinking Water Stewardship Education and Outreach Proposal of the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority (in cooperation with the Maitland Valley Conservation Authority) be sent.

CARRIED

- List of 5 Regional groups and final candidates, received August 21, 2007.
 - News Release, August 28, New Source Protection Committee (SPC) Chair named: Laurence (Larry) Brown.
 - Nomination of Municipal Representatives on the Source Protection Committee. Thames-Sydenham and Region.
- c) Federation of Canadian Municipalities, Jean-Francois Trepanier, Acting Chief Executive Officer, re: membership and FORUM, May/June 2007 magazine. (*Package available in Clerks office on request.*)
 - d) Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority, Minutes of June 21, 2007. (*Package available in Clerks office on request.*)
 - e) 911 Ontario Advisory Board, request for financial assistance from each municipal government in order to continue as the technical and information authority respecting implementation and operation of 911 Emergency Number Systems in Ontario.
 - f) Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, Leona Dombrowsky, received August 23, 2007 re: confirmation of approved funding of \$850,000 for the Ontario Municipal Rural Broadband Partnership Program.
 - g) Huron County Federation of Agriculture (HCFA), Steve Thompson, HCFA President, dated August 29, 2007 re: response to Bayfield Ratepayers Association, Bayfield Beaches Water Quality Report.
 - h) Municipal Engineers Association – Municipal Class Environment Assessment – Notice of Approval of Amendments.
 - i) Rural Connections – The Ontario Municipal Rural Broadband Partnership Program – Letter to Warden Shewfelt with congratulations on being selected to receive provincial funding for the broadband project.
 - j) Rural Ontario Municipal Association – Ontario Election 2007 – Promoting a Rural Agenda.
 - k) Resolutions
 - Municipality of West Grey re: support of amending section 36(8) of the Building Code Act, 1992 to provide municipalities a time limit of two years from date of discovery to commence legal proceedings.

- Municipality of Marmora and Lake re: request to reform the property tax system during the assessment freeze to eliminate volatility and provide a more stable and fair system.
- Township of Tyendinaga re: request that negotiations be stayed until the township is granted a place at the negotiating table for an aboriginal Land Claims by the Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte.
- City of Kingston re: request to increase the per student levy at rated public educational institutions each year beginning in 2008 to an amount equivalent to the taxes that would be levied if the property was taxable.

FOR INFORMATION

7. Accounts and Financial Statements

Accounts for August 31, 2007 were reviewed.

Members of Council	\$3,507.82
Corporate	\$6,441,604.52

Financial statements for the period ending July 31, 2007 were reviewed.

	REVENUE		EXPENDITURES		COUNTY CONTRIBUTION	
	Actual	Prorated	Actual	Prorated	Actual	Prorated
Council	143		224,682	286,413	224,539	286,413
General Gov't	23,716,596	23,073,398	4,355,931	4,437,151	(19,360,665)	(18,636,247)

Moved by M. Scott

Seconded by N. Rintoul

That the accounts and financial statements be received.

CARRIED

8. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Committee of the Whole will be held on Tuesday, October 16, 2007 at 9:00 a.m.

9. Adjournment

Moved by J. Dietrich

Seconded by J. Grace

That the meeting adjourn at 10:00 a.m.

CARRIED

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Chair